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**STATUS INQUIRY**

Applicant respectfully requests that the Patent and Trademark Office notify Applicant's representative of the current status of the above-identified application. The last written communication in the application from the PTO was a Notice of Abandonment dated August 27, 2003, to which Applicant filed a Petition Requesting Withdrawal of Holding of Abandonment dated September 11, 2003. Applicant spoke with the Examiner's Supervisor who indicated that an Office Action would be forthcoming, but to date, no response has been received. Applicant additionally filed a Status Inquiry on May 19, 2004 and on July 6, 2004. To date, Applicant has not received any further written material from the PTO and the application still stands erroneously abandoned.

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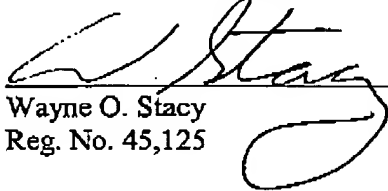
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